

Council on Postsecondary Education
Committee on Equal Opportunities
June 26, 2002

1997-2002 KY Plan and OCR Partnership Status of Spring and Summer Activities

The Committee on Equal Opportunities met April 15, 2002. The council staff reported that Kentucky's public postsecondary institutions continue to make progress toward achieving the commitments outlined in the Partnership Agreement with the U. S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights and *The 1997-2002 Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunities*. The agreement is on track to be completed by December 31, 2002. A summary of activities follow.

Spring and Summer Activities

The Academically Proficient African American High School Junior and Senior Conference - Northern Kentucky University: Northern Kentucky University will host the 15th Annual Academically Proficient African American High School Junior and Senior Conference June 14-15, 2002. Students, parents, and college representatives from across the Commonwealth will participate. Workshop topics include financial aid and scholarships, choosing a college and a career, developing coping skills, and effective communication. A parent workshop also will be included. NKU will host a college fair to allow college representatives to dialogue with Kentucky's brightest and best resident African Americans and their parents. The goal of the conference is to offer information and support to students transitioning from high school to postsecondary education.

The Second Statewide Conference of the Governors Minority Student College Preparation Program: Murray State University and the council will co-sponsor the second annual statewide conference for participants of the Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program June 12-13, 2002. This event is expected to bring together approximately 300 middle and junior high school students from across the Commonwealth. The conference will feature academic enrichment sessions on advanced placement courses, the pre-college curriculum, the digital divide, support systems, and African American history and culture. Students will tour the Murray campus and library. Programs are at each of the universities and 10 of the community and technical colleges.

Education Professional Standards Board and Council on Postsecondary Education Conference on Best Practices – Teacher Education Programs: The EPSB and the council are jointly sponsoring a one day conference on Title II issues, Best Practices, and PRAXIS fairness issues Friday, June 28, 2002 at the Georgetown College Conference Center. Deans of Colleges of Education, deans of Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Title II Coordinators, and Provost/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs will be invited to participate in the conference. A maximum of

four persons from each institution will be invited to participate in the conference. The council and the EPSB will share equally in the cost of the conference.

Southern Regional Education Board Compact for Faculty Diversity: The staffs of the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, and the council have completed the selection process for new Ph.D. candidates to participate in the SREB Doctoral Scholars Program in fall 2002. A recommendation was made for students to receive SREB scholarship awards for fall 2002.

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